



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Monday, July 11, 2016, in the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Carol (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Alamo Region Urban Forester (Present)
- Members Present: Irene Baldrige, Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Diana Sarfin, and Rich Sarfin
- Members Absent: Melinda Dawson and Mary Key

II. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2016.

- Minutes were approved as written.

III. Discussion on Oak Wilt Education Outreach Program.

- Newly hired City Attorney, Ms. Denise Fredrick, is in the process of preparing a contract between the city and the homeowner who will be providing the property/tree for the Oak Wilt treatment demonstration.
- Ms. Carol will work with Ms. Berger and Mr. Kroeze to select the type/model of fungicide injector to purchase.
 - The macro injector type system is the most efficient.
 - Two kits will be purchased.
- The schedule for the demonstration is yet to be determined.
- Ms. Carol will send out a draft letter for review that outlines the Oak Wilt Education Outreach Program. It will include the average cost to remove a tree verses treating the tree (12" diameter tree costs \$25.00 to treat), treatment frequency, etc.

IV. Upcoming Event: Arbor Day - 2016.

- CPS Energy will be providing approximately 250 trees.
- The LV Siclovia Committee would like to hold their event during LV Arbor Day. They are looking at holding the event on either the 6th or 13th of November. If possible, TAB members would like to participate in Siclovia and hand out tree seedlings at the event. However, it was agreed that the LV Arbor Day will remain on its original schedule of 29 October for the following reasons:
 - We have already made a commitment to partner with two other events; the LV Library Halloween Party (held in the LV Library) and the Northwest Seniors Trash & Treasure Sale (held in the LV Community Center).
 - The Siclovia event plans to shut down Evers Road which will make it difficult for transport and parking for the stakeholders and attendees of the three events that are already planned for the 29th of October.
- Ms. Carol will reach-out to the local elementary schools to get a count on how many students would like to participate in the poster contest. The TAB plans to provide art supplies to those students who are unable to afford them.
- Mr. Kroeze suggested that we hold a scavenger hunt with prizes for the kids. We can adopt the model already in use by the city of San Antonio. Some of the items to hunt include oak leaves, something natural, something green, etc.
- In addition to the signs placed in front of the library on Evers Road, Ms. Carol suggested we mount the following on one of the trees; two beach balls with painted eyeballs and another inflatable with a caption advertising the 2016 Arbor Day event.

V. Upcoming Event: Parliamentary Procedures and Open Meetings Training on August 27 at the Conference Center.

VI. Future Agenda Items.

- How to improve tree focus.

-- This topic will be revisited in 2016.

- Website updates.

-- This topic will be revisited in 2016.

- Neighborwood program.

-- This topic will be revisited in 2016.

- Strategic Tree planting goals.

-- None discussed at this meeting.

- Other Topics.

-- Tree planting project at Raymond Rimkus park discussions are as follows:

--- Will need manpower to plant the seedlings. We could look into student and Boy Scout volunteers. Point of Contact for the Boy Scouts is Paul Gallo and his telephone number is (210)857-0325.

--- Supplies need include spade drain shovels, rakes, and mulch. The mulch can be obtained free from the City of San Antonio.

VII. Adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

- The next meeting of the TAB is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley City Hall Conference Room.


Chairperson